

Possible changes coming to Title IX

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United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos is working to overturn Title IX rulings made by the Obama administration and advocating for better representation for those accused of sexual assault and misconduct.

In 2011 the Department of Education released a "Dear Colleague" letter aimed at reminding educators of a fact established by the Supreme Court: under Title IX, schools must ensure survivors of sexual assault can stay in school and learn safely and notified colleges and university that the federal government was going to be aggressive on sexual misconduct. However, under DeVos's new ruling, the federal government is pulling back their investigation into sexual assault on college campuses.

Title IX is a bill meant to protect against harassment or discrimination on the bases of sex and has come to be used to protect individuals against sexual misconduct on campus.

However, according to Northwest's Interim Title IX Coordinator Demetrius Peterson, the bill did not originally address the issue of sexual assault and harassment.

"Initially, when everyone thought of Title IX, they thought of equity within athletics and what Title IX boils down to is you cannot discriminate against someone on the basis of sex," Peterson said. "So, the early application of that was used in the athletic context and females were entitled to the same opportunity as males. I believe that is one of the reasons why our country has made such great strides in women's athletic programs and that started 40 years ago."

According to Peterson, Title IX has recently changed to better encompass and help students dealing with sexual assault.



U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos is working to overturn Title IX rulings and advocating for better representation for those accused of sexual assault.

"Title IX also includes and protects against any harassment or discrimination on the bases of sex, whether it is employment or in the school environment and this has kind of evolved in the past few decades and now it also applies to sexual misconduct and things of that nature as well," Peterson said. "Title IX has expanded and requires colleges to establish stricter policies, procedures and increase the amount of investigations when it comes to sexual assault."

A survey by the National Criminal Justice Association reported approximately 19 percent of women will be sexually assaulted during their time at college. While according to endsexualviolence.org, one in four women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

For junior Jacob Taylor, Title IX teaches people the importance of consent and how to better protect themselves while also allowing students to have a safe opportunity to report sexual misconduct.

"It is important for people to give consent because without it there would be a lot of bad stuff going around, stuff that may very well ruin people's lives for one," Taylor said. "It also teaches people to be careful about things like drinking and making sure who you are around so they don't end up in compromising situations."

Peterson stated Title IX is needed on college campuses because it provides men and women an equal playing field allowing

everyone to excel.

"Title IX is important most of all because every person should have an opportunity to succeed regardless of their gender," Peterson said. "I think that there are problems with regard to the amount of students who experience sexual assault and sexual misconduct on college campuses and I think the data speaks for itself as a whole when you look across the United States..."

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Hooymann becomes first female provost

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Northwest announced their first female provost as Jamie Hooymann Nov. 3.

Hooymann has been at Northwest for 16 months. She was hired in August 2016 as vice provost and stepped up to serve as interim provost this July.

"It is exciting and humbling at the same time," Hooymann said. "I'm very excited for what the future holds and I am very honored that I was chosen by Northwest. I am looking forward to working with a wonderful faculty and staff."

Faculty Senate President and Professor of English John Gallaher, who served on the provost search committee, said it is an important milestone that Hooymann is the first woman provost at Northwest. However, Gallaher said it is even more important that Hooymann is a good leader and collaborator who is going to be a great provost.

"Historically, it's very important to have (the first female provost)," Gallaher said. "When you look at the pictures of all the provost, they're all male and it's different now and that's good. The future is diverse and it's time."

According to Gallaher, the search committee was not aware that Hooymann would be the first woman provost until they had chosen her.

Hooymann said she has always believed in hiring for the position and hiring the best person for the position, without gender playing a role.



Jamie Hooymann

"I've worked my whole career; I've worked very hard," Hooymann said. "I want to get positions based on my merit and my earning of them. But as a mother of three daughters, anytime a female can break through that glass ceiling, that's pretty exciting. That part of it makes me very proud of how hard work got me this far, hopefully, I can set examples for other people."

Hooymann has also served as vice president of Institutional Effectiveness, dean of Instruction and associate dean at North Central Missouri College.

She was on the faculty at the University of Central Oklahoma in the Department of Kinesiology and Health studies where she was curriculum coordinator for recreation management and fitness management degrees.

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Toys for Tots begins collecting donations

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Today's Civic Women and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve are both hosting a Toys for Tots drive to collect toys for children during the holiday season.

Lance Corporal Quinn Mccollom started the Toys for Tots drive in Maryville. He is based out of Topeka, Kansas and said it is difficult for him to make two and half hour trips to go and participate in Toys for Tots with the rest of his unit while in school.

To do the same charitable act while giving back to better the community, he decided to start a Toys for Tots drive at Northwest.

"This is just a way of raising awareness to the students on campus," Mccollom said. "Being a student myself, I know that it is hard to come by money and it's hard to be able to donate things all the time."

There are family members who will walk by every now and then and would like to donate. It's just a way to get the message out there that we're doing this and asking people to donate whatever they can."

Mccollom's table is located on the second floor of the union, he plans to continue collecting items through November.

It is DeAnn Davison's first year as the chair for the Toys for Tots in the Nodaway County drive.

"I have worked with Today's Civic Women and been a member for several years," Davison said.

"Distribution is always so amazing to see the different families come in. They're always so grateful to be receiving the toys so I had no problem stepping up this year and taking that role on for the ladies."

Families who wish to be recipients send in applications to Community Services. If approved, the families will send in a list of what their

children hope for. According to Davison, they try to match what the children want with the items donated.

Last year, Today's Civic Women serviced to 251 children. This year Davison hopes to the same and provide for each family.

"It's just really to meet the needs of what Community Services has," Davison said. "It's just to make sure that all of those kids who go through that process with Community Service, receive a gift at Christmas."

Donation barrels can be found at the following businesses: Maryville Daily Forum, Nodaway News Leader, Ace Hardware, Senior Center, Meyer Repair and Rapid Elite. There are also donation jars at several banks and Casey's for monetary donations.

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New driving bills could ban texting and driving

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House Republican Galen Higdon is formulating legislation related to safe driving.

One of the new bills would require anyone getting their first full motor vehicle license at 18 to have completed a driver safety course. The other would ban the use of handheld devices and texting behind the wheel.

Higdon believes a driver's safety course was the next logical step in creating better and safer roads.

"Motorcyclists have to take a motorcycle safety course and boaters have to take a boating safety course," Higdon said. "It just makes sense that we are putting people in a three to five thousand pound vehicle traveling down the highway that they should know a certain level of safety skills, and with the new texting and driving and the hazards that we face today, it only made sense to bring that awareness level up to the young drivers."

Higdon got the idea for a second driver's safety course from different motorcycle groups who feared for their safety while they were riding.

"Back in 2011, when I first took office, I spoke with a couple of motorcycle grounds, one being ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments) and Freedom Road Riders. They were talking to me about the helmet law and everything they wanted to pass...," Higdon said. "They talked about educating drivers which basically brought to mind a driver's safety course."

However, Higdon did not begin really researching the new course until recent years.

"So I started working on it and looking at it, but didn't really look into it and enhance it until 2016... I started doing a lot more research and I found out that a lot of states have various driving courses for their young teen drivers... I wanted to bring this idea to the attention of our general assembly to put a proposal together to enhance the safety of our roads."

The driver safety curriculum wouldn't be required for anyone who already has a full motor vehicle license. Teenage drivers moving to Missouri who have already taken a safety course in another state would



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Distracted driving contributed to 16,000 car accidents across Missouri, according to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

be granted a waiver. Higdon said Missouri is one of only four states that does not require drivers to take an additional safety driving course.

Missouri is also one of the few states which allow texting and driving.

According to the department of motor vehicles (DMV) website, Missouri bans texting for all drivers 21 years old or younger and all commercial vehicle drivers. Additionally, the state restricts most other phone use while driving outside of making calls.

After sponsoring a bill this year prohibiting texting by drivers transporting passengers for a fee, Higdon said he will file legislation to ban all use of handheld devices behind the wheel for the next session. He contends his constituents favor an outright ban.

"The general public seems to tell me that they think it's a hazard for people to be on their phone and texting while they're driving down the road, and I agree," Higdon said.

Sophomore Lonnae Young believes texting behind the wheel is very dangerous and encourages everyone to put down their phones while they drive.

"I think texting and driving is super dangerous and I am not a big fan of it," Young said. "Anytime I see my friends doing it, I tell them to cut it out and make them stop because it makes me uncomfortable. I think it would make a lot of other people uncomfortable just because of all the deaths, injuries and danger that comes along with it."

According to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), distracted driving contributed to 16,000 crashes across the state in 2016. And according to the National Safety Council, one out of every four car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving.

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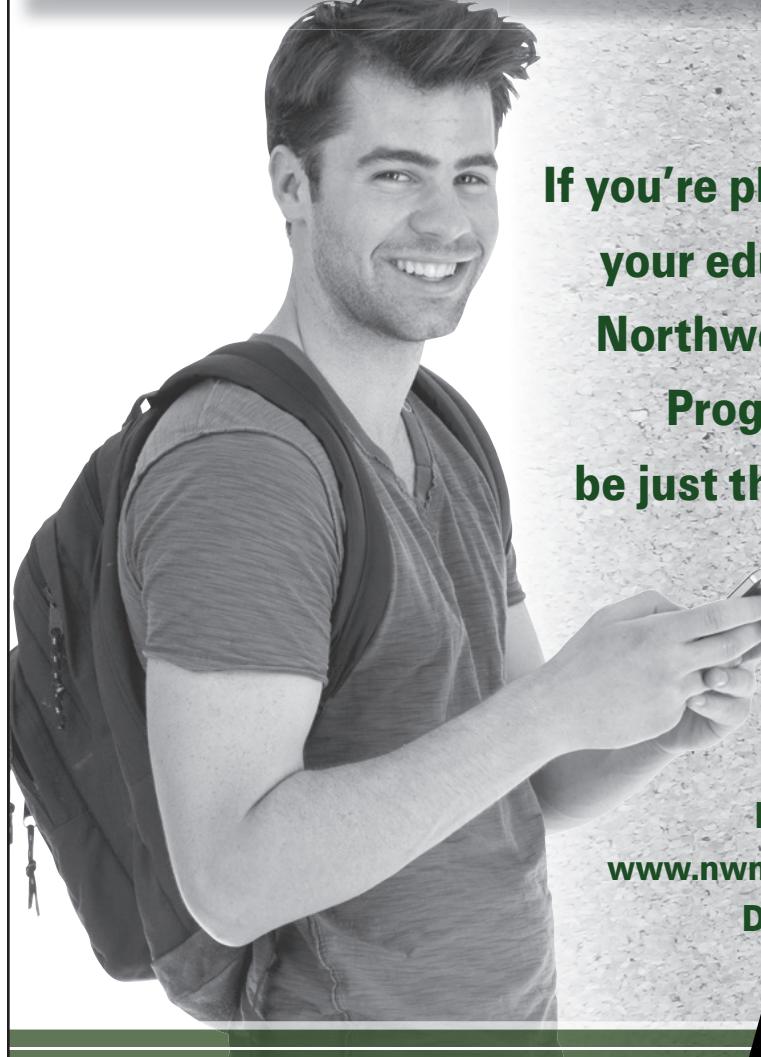
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Student Senate hears pitch on Sober Students

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Sober Students Speaker Mike Miller presented an idea for a new club to help Northwest students struggling with addiction.

The formation of a new club was discussed at the Student Senate meeting Nov. 7. This club would be similar to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and would help both students and faculty with any addiction problems.

Coordinator of the Residential First-Year Experience Mark Miller introduced the club as a way of recovery, not discovery.

"It is about recovery," Miller said. "It's about students and faculty who are in recovery from alcohol or substances that they've abused, that they're trying to get away from. But it's not just for them, it's also for allies. Those are people who may not want to live a sober life but want to support those people who do, or for those who live a sober life and support those who don't."

While this club isn't official yet, they are looking deeply into coming to campus. Student Senate President Katie Brown thinks that the possible organization would be beneficial to the campus.

"However, as the President of a student based organization, I appreciate efforts that aim to better awareness of things such as responsible drinking," Brown said.

Northwest is a dry campus and does campaigns frequently to stress the importance of knowing drinking limits. Senior Hayley Southard thinks these campaigns should be combined with the new club, and expanded to see how much students both under and of age drink to test how many people the new club would affect.

"I don't think it would be necessary but it does sound like a good idea," Southard said. "There's no specifics but it's an interesting concept."

According to the National In-



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Approximately 60 percent of college students have consumed alcohol in the past month, and of that 60 percent, two of three engaged in binge drinking.

stitute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, many students come to college with pre-existing drinking habits and many more form new ones. A national survey concluded almost 60 percent of college students ages 18-22 drank alcohol in the past month. Out of those students, two out of three of them frequented binge drinking.

Senior Lizzie McCoy feels students are overlooked in alcoholism statistics.

"In my opinion, the idea of the group is a very good idea," McCoy said. "I feel like the student population gets overlooked often times

when it comes to alcoholism. It's definitely something I've seen people struggle with. It helps stop things early for one, and additionally, people our age are more likely to be binge drinkers than people out of college so it prevents that issue too."

Drinking in college comes with a lot of stereotypes according to senior Trevor Sullard.

"There's also a lot of people who drink heavily and blame it on being a college student and play it off as being nothing," Sullard said. "There's that phrase of 'it's not alcoholism until you graduate.'"

The new club would partner

with the Wellness Center. Junior Nate Quick encourages the partnership, hoping it will help students go further in their journey to recovery.

"The Wellness Center already

does a lot of good things for student wellness, specifically having an organization on campus that works with and addresses an issue that affects a lot of students on campus will be nice to have," Quick said. "I think if they work with Wellness Services and collaborate together it will be really helpful to students. I think just like any other form of getting help it would be a struggle for students

to get help for something, but I think that for those who are brave enough or for those who have the support around them...would make a world of difference."

In addition to the speaker, Student Senate appropriated \$1,000 to Gamma for the Sex in the Station event happening Tuesday Nov. 14. This will be a workshop on how to have safe sex and how to maintain sexual health.

The Senate will be hosting Pizza with the Police Monday Nov. 13. After Thanksgiving break, the Senate is planning to have their annual Cocoa with the Popo event.

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Politics do not belong in our cars

Missouri state government is debating adding more driving laws. These laws will require drivers at age 18 to take a safety course and ban cellphone use behind the wheel.

A car is like a home on wheels. It's private property and is even covered in many "stand your ground" laws. If people don't want the government to tell them what light bulbs to use, or how their house should be, then we shouldn't be letting them doing it with our cars.

Driving can be like modern day Darwinism. If people text while driving, it's on them. They made the choice to put their lives, as well as others, in danger and should accept the consequences. If it's them totaling their car then so be it.

The biggest issue is the bill is still vague when it comes to cellphone usage. While texting and driving is a bad choice, and undoubtedly dangerous, phones also provide GPS services. Most drivers today don't want to print out directions to navigate places like Kansas City. Reading directions can be just as dangerous as reading a text on a phone. It's also used for music since people would much rather listen to playlists created on Spotify or Pandora than listen to live radio.

It's also difficult to enforce. Humans are clever beings and will find a way to get away with something if they really want to do it. Maybe they'll keep it in



their laps, or, when they do get pulled over, switch over to Google Maps. They'll say they were double checking that handy GPS of theirs. This could lead to more invasive measures which could push the boundaries of privacy.

"Government isn't the solution to our problem, it's the problem," late president Ronald Reagan once

said. This quote adequately fits the situation. This bill seems like a small step of Missourian government getting a little too invested in our habits.

The bill does have its merits however. Having young people complete a safety course does make sense. This could help lessen texting and driving accidents,

as well as accidents as a whole. But what would the course consist of? Would simple driving procedures steer the course or should it also include on how to change a tire and check the oil with safety being the driving force?

The bill raises more questions than fixes problems. Yes, cell phone usage is a growing prob-

lem, but is it really up to the government to solve it? It is up to each driver to be personally responsible for their actions. Government should not stick its nose where citizens can handle the situation on their own.

If we do not want government in our homes, then we should not allow them into our cars.

Northwest needs more multicultural growth



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From the front desk of the Office of Student Involvement, I watch as the Student Engagement Center fills with students, faculty and staff. I can observe the many facets of our diverse campus through my own eyes.

While I love the view of the many cultural varieties, I also notice as outsiders of the majority, we are often overlooked, misrepresented and excluded.

I've observed the two-sided coin of campus participation within student organizations, and yes, I should expect one side of the coin to outweigh the other considering multicultural students are heavily outnumbered, but I refuse to let

this University ignore the fact that multicultural organizations are struggling to stay afloat due to low membership counts and low attendance of events.

A few weeks ago, I watched as a fellow student promoted, prompted and at some points, nearly pleaded with faculty and staff to support a particular multicultural event.

I listened to the depthless, rushed excuses, saw the scrunched faces of confusion that screamed 'why the hell would I go to that?' I also observed the abundant amount of support for sorority pancake eats, non-multicultural public speakers and even dog races.

The definition of diversity is the state of showing a great deal of variety. Sure, we have plenty of diversity on campus, but can we really pride ourselves on this diversity if only a small population of the majority are actively appreciating and celebrating it?

In a survey I conducted myself, I asked 30 random students

on a scale from one to 10, 10 being the highest, 'How would you rate faculty and staff participation in multicultural organization's events and fundraising?'

76 percent of students' ratings fell below a three. Another 20 percent of these students had no idea what a multicultural organization was. At this point I wish I was a walking emoji with my hand slapped across my face.

I ask myself 'where is this problem stemming from?' At first thought, I'd think it was simply a blatant lack of care for multicultural events.

Though Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Justin Mallett, Ed.d. and Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Gabbi Ray unbiasedly added perspective to this lop-sided coin.

"I'd rate participation at a three, but I'd say it is two-fold. I think multicultural student organizations need to do a better job of reaching out to faculty and staff and inviting them to their events," Mallett said. "They don't know

that the event is taking place, unless they're specifically involved or know someone connected to the organization."

I agree, it is true in most cases, no one knows about these events, but I speculate if members of faculty and staff actively seek more popular organization events or if the lack of participation is across the board. Though, Gabbi Ray feels it is more of a sense of belonging problem.

"People don't know what they don't know," Ray said. "If you are not exposed to anything that is different from you, to some people it may not be much of an interest because it is so unknown."

Contrary to popular belief, everything will not always be tailored specifically for you. Most things are never tailored specifically for multicultural students; we are engulfed in a completely foreign environment at times.

When attending multicultural events, yes, for the first time you will be the minority, but this

should not stop anyone from attending. Stepping out of your comfort zone is a part of growth.

I sometimes wonder why I chose to attend a PWI (Predominately White Institution), often times I find myself thinking 'I wouldn't have these problems if I had attended a HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities), I'd probably be better off.'

This may be true, but attending a PWI has taught me not only about my immediate community, it has taught me about the world we live in. I won't always be surrounded by people who are like me, none of us will.

The effort to truly be a diverse campus needs to come from both sides. Multicultural organizations need to strive to actively promote their events and request for membership, but this campus needs to be receptive of these requests.

We are moving in the right direction, and I want to see us make it, together.

November is a month for Thanksgiving not Christmas



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Not even two weeks since Halloween and I am already seeing Christmas everywhere: cards, candy, music, it's all being poured out like a bag of green, red and white glitter.

What happened to celebrating Thanksgiving? With Millennial's apparent obsession with stuffing our faces with food, one would think Thanksgiving would be a popular holiday.

Yet we breeze over it, and see it as nothing more than a break from college. It's just a milestone of being closer to Christmas. This needs to stop. Thanksgiving deserves its due.

I understand, Christmas is a fun time. The music is catchy, people seem to be in a better mood and Starbucks usually has the cute holiday cups, but Thanksgiving gives us the much needed transition period from fall to winter.

Thanksgiving is more than a transition period. It is a time of reflection; a time to remember the good in our lives. It's a time to, as the name suggests, give thanks. But we don't.

We use it as a time to sit awkwardly around a table, trying not to fight with tipsy

aunts and uncles over politics. Or worse yet, we try to avoid being stuck at the kids' table with the annoying little cousins despite being nearly 20.

The spirit of Thanksgiving is lost. No longer do people look forward to the gilded turkey and rivers of gravy. Now it has become a day where people sit in uncomfortable clothes and watch football.

Every major holiday deserves its time to shine. I mean, we have one for nearly every month. November is for Thanksgiving.

Maybe it's not as thrilling as dressing up for Halloween or getting presents at Christmas. Maybe it doesn't have fun songs. Still Thanksgiving is an important time to take a breath and count the blessings in our lives.

I know I am thankful for many bless-

ings; my family who calls way too often, and my sorority sisters who hug me when I cry. I am thankful for friends who support me. I am thankful for newspaper and radio, my families who support me and remind me why I do what I do.

Christmas may have the songs and the presents, but it lacks the substance which Thanksgiving brings to the table. If we keep skipping over this holiday, it will lose the substance which makes it special. It no longer becomes about giving thanks, but about dreading a prolonged dinner which was originally planned to be a lunch.

The solution lies in pushing the Christmas carols until Black Friday and giving ourselves time to pause and give thanks.

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Northwest hosts one-day intramural Call of Duty tournament

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As fall intramurals start to dwindle down, eSports make an appearance.

The Campus Recreation held its first eSports intramural of the year with a Call of Duty Tournament Wednesday.

This year they played Call of Duty WWII, which was released Nov. 3. This is the second straight year for Call of Duty to be included in intramurals.

"When I was planning for the fall '17 (2017) back at the start of summer, traditionally in the past couple

of years, we have done a couple of video game tournaments," James Hinson Director of Student Recreation and Competitive Sports said. "We do these to get folks who traditionally may not come to the SRC to come to the facility in the hopes that this may be an introduction for them to the facility."

This is not the only eSports that the campus has done. In the past they have had Mario Kart, Wii Bowling, FIFA, NBA 2K and Madden.

According to sophomore Cody Evans, Call of Duty is the most popular of the eSports on campus.

"I play Call of Duty competitively and I find it the most interesting

and most fun, especially when you play competitively," Evans said.

Evans has been playing Call of Duty competitively for many years, and is a participant in this year's tournament.

There were eight players signed up to play. Every game was played on the Pointe du Hoc Map.

Translation: to win the game, a player must have 35 kills or have the most kills at the end of 25 minutes.

The players can use any weapon that they choose except for shotguns; shotguns are the only restricted weapon for the tournament.

"I have been playing COD (Call

of Duty) for years now and want to prove my skill," Evans said.

Unlike most intramurals, the eSports are one-day tournaments. These tournaments are not as popular as the weeklong tournaments.

"Campus Recreation's one-two day tournaments in general are not as popular as we would like them to be," Hinson said. "However, we have seen growth in one-two day tournaments that involve individual play as opposed to dual play or team play."

This fall Call of Duty is the only eSports Campus Recreation is offering.

"We have had gaming tourna-

ments in the past. Some of them go really well and some of them don't. It all depends on what our student population is into," Hinson said. "In regards to adding esports leagues I am not sure we are there yet. Anything is possible if our gaming tournaments see growth."

The winner could not be provided before print publication.

"We hope that they have a great time playing a video game in the facility and that may help them decide to come back and try other things like exercise, informal recreation, group exercise, personal training, intramural sports, or sport clubs," Hinson said.

TITLE IX CONTINUED FROM A1

Peterson believes the biggest aspect of Title IX is education and teaching everyone the rights they are entitled to.

"It is very important to educate everyone in the campus community about their rights in regards to Title IX, but it's also important that everyone knows so bystanders can protect people as they go through this," Peterson said. "Bystander education is key because the more people you have watching and looking out for other members of the community, the safer it will be."

Northwest requires faculty, staff and student employees to undergo Title IX training and Taylor believes the training gives people insight into what Title IX is and how it helps students on campus.

"Having to go through Title IX training taught me to be careful, I mean it doesn't make it 100 percent not likely to hap-

pen, but it does help and I think if you abolish it that may cause more problems for people coming up to college because they won't have that knowledge or training," Taylor said.

In a CNN article DeVos claimed most of the sexual assault accusations are falsified, however, according to Violence Against Women, only two to eight percent of accusations are false.

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"Title IX keeps everyone safe and when you are safe you're able to enjoy your college experience and you're able to learn and apply yourself in the classrooms to the maximum extent possible," Peterson said.

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Hooymann has a Doctorate of Education in human performance with a concentration in exercise science from Oklahoma State University. She has a Master of Science in education with a concentration in exercise physiology and fitness from Northern Illinois University.

From Missouri State University, Hooymann has a Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in physical education. Lastly, she has an Associate of Arts from Trenton Junior College.

Equity Coordinator Rachel Brooks was the staff council representative in the search committee for the new provost.

"I'm absolutely happy, I think Jamie brings a lot of great ideas," Brooks said. "I think she'll be great. She understands our culture, she understands where Northwest is headed and I believe she will contribute a great deal into ensur-

ing a lot of academic success into the future."

As provost, Hooymann will oversee learning, academic quality and student success. She will also lead the development and assessment of academic programming alongside President John Jasinski, the Board of Regents, the Northwest Leadership Team, faculty, staff and students.

"There's a lot of great things going on at Northwest," Hooymann said. "A lot of it is taking that momentum and continuing on to where it needs to go. It's working with faculty and staff to continue the academics at the high level of standards we have set. It's also looking at the future... Northwest wants to be one of those institutions that is not just here now, it's going to be known as one of the best higher education institutions in the future."

Out of all the candidates for provost, Gallaher is satisfied with the outcome and believes Hooymann will be good for Northwest.

"Everything that I hope she does, she's already begun working on," Gallaher said. "Continuing and developing the programs and projects that she's been working on including profession-based learning, the higher learning commission accreditation and the ties that she has formed with students and faculty."

According to Hooymann, she has been all over the place with her career and has gotten the opportunity to work in several different states. She said Northwest stuck out to her because it has a culture she had never seen before.

"The saying 'Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat' is so true," Hooymann said. "That's exciting to be in with people who have such convictions and greatness that they're going to move forward. I'm just really looking forward to working with the people that are here and to continue on the great traditions."

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Blotters for the week of Nov. 9

Maryville Public Safety

Oct. 27

There is an ongoing investigation for illegal dumping at the 1300 block of South Main Street.

Oct. 29

A summons was issued to **Jason White**, 18, for possession of a fake I.D. at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investiga-

tion for larceny at the 300 block of West Seventh Street.

Oct. 30

There was a appliance fire at the 23000 block of U.S. Highway 148.

Nov. 1

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 200 block of South Newton Street.

Nov. 3

There is an ongoing investiga-

tion for tampering at the 600 block of South Depot Street.

A summons was issued to **Joseph Everhart**, 27, from Skidmore, Missouri for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Nov. 5

A summons was issued to **Aaron Satran**, 20, from Ogallala, Kansas for minor in possession at the 400 block of East Third Street.

Nov. 3

There is an open investigation for stealing at South Complex.

There is an open investigation for stealing at the Station.

Oct. 31

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Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

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**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

Safeguard your personal information, Virgo, because not everyone you meet is on the up and up. Be cautious without being suspicious and things will turn out fine.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you can make a big difference by contributing time, money or both. Don't hesitate to pitch in. Celebrate all that you have accomplished with someone you love.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this week you can dedicate your time to something that will educate you further on an area of concentration you want to pursue. It may be a charitable cause.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Your great imagination often causes you to be the life of any gathering, Sagittarius. This week you may have to let others' creativity take center stage.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Changes, particularly early in the week, will do you good, Capricorn. Rearrange the furniture or even try out a new hairstyle for some new perspective.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, take some time to do something with your partner, who can probably use your help right now. This can change your life emotionally and financially.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, remain tight-lipped about a positive development. You won't have to stay silent forever, but wait a little longer to share the news.

GUESS WHO

I am a true superhero, I served in the Israeli Defense Force for two years before moving on to a career in acting and modeling. I played Gisele in the Fast and Furious before taking on my most famous role as Wonder Woman. I will be returning to the screen in the upcoming Justice League movie which premieres next week.

Answer: Gal Gadot

I am a scientist famous for studying primates and their innate behaviors. I am from the United Kingdom and was at one point in my life a baroness. I have devoted my life to science and have been actively involved in my field since the 1960s.

Answer: Jane Goodall

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RILEY HAMDORF

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Bowties
Human Food
Being told he's a Good Boy



Dislikes
Being Tripped Over
The Groomer
Losing Followers on Instagram (@riley.the.lil.pup)



Favorite TV Show
Dancing With the Stars

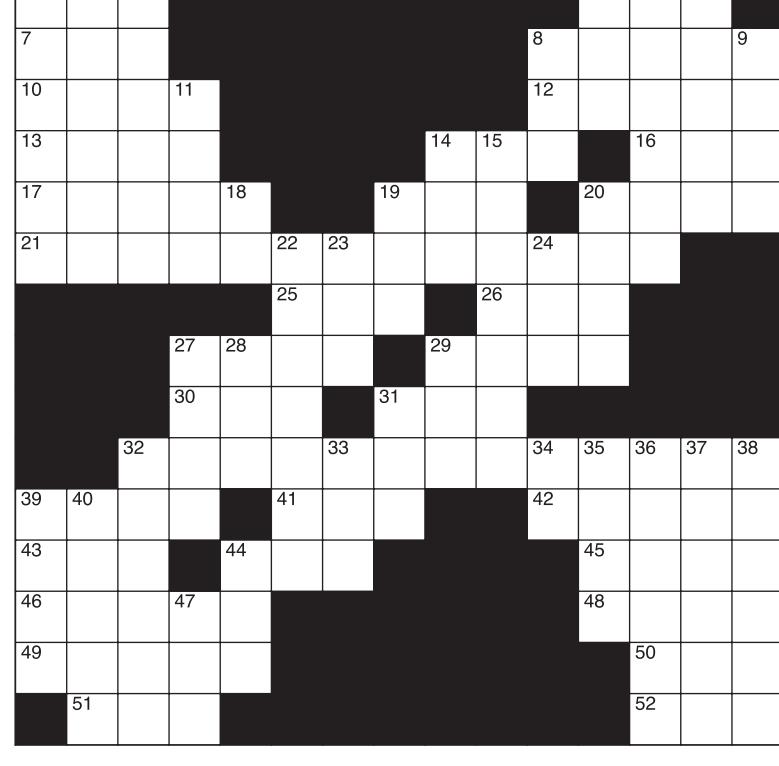
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"I am Beyoncé. Always." - Michael Scott

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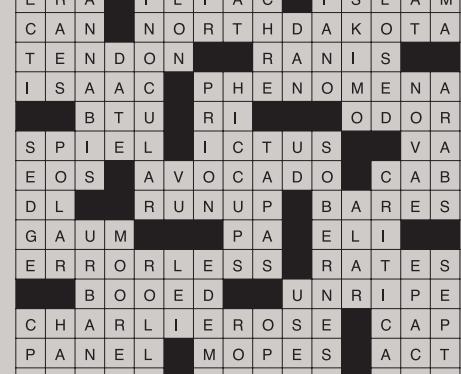
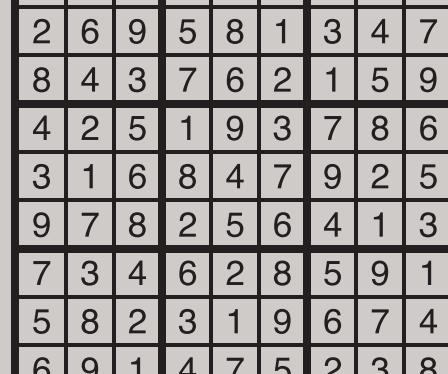
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4. Zhou dynasty state
7. Mineral
8. ___ and gagged
10. One of Lebron's former sidekicks
12. Ivory Coast village
13. Caffeinated beverage
14. Without armies
16. Intention
17. Sulfuric and citric are two
19. Supplement with difficulty
20. & & &
21. George and Weezie
25. Liquefied petroleum gas
26. Immortal act
27. Ancient Greek sophist
29. Aids digestion
30. Comedy routine
31. Actress Thurman
32. Adult beverage
39. Amounts of time
41. An awkward stupid person
42. ___ Walker, "The Color Purple"
43. Covers babies' chests
44. Parts per billion (abbr.)
45. Ottoman military title
46. More skilled
48. Natives to New Mexico
49. Indigent
50. Illuminated
51. Very fast airplane
52. Devoid of cordiality

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Comedian Goldthwait
2. Worn by women
3. "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen
4. Processes fatty acids
5. Mortals
6. Not invited
8. Show___: entertainment
9. Darkens
11. Pilgrimage
14. Danish krone
15. Savior
18. Midway between south and east
19. Electroencephalograph
20. Henry's wife Boleyn
22. Hairstyle
23. Frames per second
24. Sinclair novel
27. Basics
28. A person's life story
29. Luxury automaker
31. Ultrahigh frequency
32. Island and antelope are two
33. Taxi
34. Farm state
35. Fence part
36. Rwandan capital
37. Onomatopoeic
38. In a state of turbulence
39. Abba ___, Israeli politician
40. Flowering plants
44. Inquire too closely
47. Sun up in New York

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



Horace Mann Heroes

Elementary students band together to help victims of Hurricane Harvey

MICHAEL CRIPE
A&E Editor | @MikeCripe

Making a difference in an impactful way can seem like quite the daunting task, especially in today's political environment. Thankfully, there is a select few who are willing to put in the work and take chances in order to make some change, even if they are only about 10 years old.

After the spark of an idea, a month of work and some in-class planning, five Horace Mann students, Cain Bowles, AJ Dinsdale, Jonah Long, Carl Frank and Sunxi Lugo, were able to collect a little more than 250 donations in the name of relief for victims of Hurricane Irma.

The idea started after one student was reading a book about victims of 2005's Hurricane Katrina. He could tell the devastation and destruction caused by the event was something he had never imagined possible.

Shortly after reading about Katrina, Jessica Buckley, a senior education major and practicum student at Horace Mann, met with the student to discuss how he felt about the situation and if he would ever be able to help people in need.

"He said something like 'well, I'm just a fourth grader,' and that's what sparked my idea to do something," Buckley said. "I don't want a kid to think that way. We're capable of so many things, whether you are a kid or a college student; you have got to push your limits."

From here, Buckley met with the students' teacher and asked if she could try and kick start a sort of team building activity. After the teacher agreed and Buckley gave the kids her idea, she left everything else up to them.

While Buckley said she didn't expect much from the service project, both the immediate and after effects quickly showed her exactly what the kids were capable of.

The students quickly decided they wanted to band together to help victims of Hurricane Harvey. They knew they could make a difference, but wanted to focus on a specific area hit. The kids also knew they didn't want to accept any money as far as the project was concerned. Instead, they asked for donations of all kinds, including food, blankets, school supplies, etc. They primarily accepted physical objects because they thought people would be more willing to give these things away rather than money. After receiving hundreds of donations overtime, it is safe to say students were right.

Bowles, a 10-year-old who likes running through obstacle courses like

on American Ninja Warrior, said a lot of discussing was done between he and his classmates in order to pick a specific area to send the donations.

"I knew we wouldn't have enough for all of Florida," Bowles said. "We picked the Florida Keys because we thought it was the most hit. We watched videos too and they were devastated and crushed. Even though it felt bad to see the water that had flooded everything, it really felt good inside to be able to help."

Despite their passion for helping others, the kids found ways to make their work more fun than serious. Days where new donations would be in their collection were some of their favorites, and some days were more successful than others.

Bowles said there was one day where a group of college students came in toting more than 100 different supplies. Even compared to days like this though, Bowles said the days where the only donation was a single box of macaroni and cheese were just as exciting.

Dinsdale, a 9-year-old who loves swimming, said working together was one of his favorite parts of collecting donations. This aspect was important to Dinsdale as he and the rest of the group continued to think on a bigger scale.

"It was really fun collaborating with the whole group," Dinsdale said. "Something like this could change a lot of lives for the people in the Keys."

Dinsdale went on to say the collaborating was the most enjoyable and most difficult part of their mission to help others. He said the other four were always willing to listen to one another, but sometimes it took a bit of conversation to get everyone on the same page.

"It was really hard agreeing on choosing one specific thing to do," Dinsdale said. "Some people wanted to do one thing while others wanted to do another thing."

Despite a few smaller issues, the big picture was always in the back of the minds of the five students. They said one of the biggest driving forces in continuing the work was the idea that any of this could happen to them with something similar like a tornado.

Andrea Mason, a third and fourth grade multi-age teacher and teacher of the students who started the service project, said she wasn't surprised at how much it grew. The biggest thing she was surprised by was how involved and passionate the students were from the get-go.

"These kids have never been through a hurricane many of them

can't really even relate that well to a tornado," Mason said. "So for them to be so passionate and to do as much research and video watching as they did is really surprising."

The combined research from the team of fourth graders is exactly what led to the staggering amount of donations they gathered. The group of five found exactly what areas were most destroyed, what supplies were needed most and decided on a time period for the donation gathering to take place all on their own.

After the preparations were made, it was only a matter of getting the word out by talking to members of the community around town and on campus.

Long, a 10-year-old who says one of his favorite things to do is play baseball, wants everyone to know it doesn't matter who you are or what you do, there is always an opportunity to do something to help. Even if the contribution is small, there is always time to make a difference.

"You're never too small or busy to do a random act of kindness," Long said. "You can do something on your way back from work or you can make stuff for someone else, it doesn't matter. You're just never too big, small or busy to help."

When asked if they would ever be interested in doing another type of fundraiser all five members of the original project answered with a resounding yes.

"Yes, definitely a quadruple thumbs up from me," Frank, a 10-year-old who loves drawing, said. "If I had way more arms, all my hands would give a thumbs up for helping again."

Big or small, making change is possible. The spark of an idea is all it takes to make a difference, and the students of Horace Mann are a testament to the possibilities of drive and passion.

Buckley said the original goal was just to get the kids thinking about helping others, but before she or Mason knew it, the small spark grew into a fire of ideas and passion for changing the lives of people these kids had never met.

"They are bigger than they think and they are capable of doing so much," Buckley said. "It really is incredible if you think about five fourth graders raising enough donations to feed and help hundreds of people. Even as a college student, I have to think, 'if they can do this, then what can I do?'"



ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN
Cain Bowles presents the first donation that the forth graders collected for hurricane relief.



Horace Mann students (from left to right) Carl Frank, Cain Bowles, Jonah Long, AJ Dinsdale and Sunxi Lugo display collected items from their hurricane relief fundraiser.

Extra Life fundraiser draws near

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In a society where video gaming has become a major part of culture, one group is using this to raise money for a worthy cause.

The Extra Life event is hosted by computing clubs all over the country every November and serves as a way to increase knowledge of computing clubs and majors while also raising money for a good cause.

The fundraiser is comprised of a series of video game tournaments designed to help raise money. The Extra Life fundraiser will have multiple brackets of games ranging from "Mario Kart" to "Call of Duty."

Joel Harmer, a senior multimedia journalism major was aware of the fundraiser but did not know that there was going to be an event here on campus.

"Now that I know that is a thing, I am excited to show up to the event and help support a great cause," Harmer said.

The fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is being hosted by the Association of Computing Machinery in conjunction with the Association of Computing Machinery - Women and the Cyber Defense Club.

Connor Beshears, a sopho-

more computer science major is spearheading the event and is excited for what is to come.

"My hope for this event is to help make people aware of the computing clubs on campus and to allow ACM, ACM-W and CDC to be more accessible to the public," Beshears said.

The Extra Life event is raising money specifically for SSM St. Louis and have set a goal of \$1,000. The funds raised from this event will help hospitals fund treatment and research all over the state of Missouri.

The Extra Life foundation has raised more than \$30 million for the Children's Miracle Network since the foundation was first created in 2008.

The Children's Miracle Network raises funds for 172 hospitals around the country, providing 32 million treatments every year. The funds raised are used to help provide critical treatments to low income families and fund various forms of research.

All members of the Northwest community are welcome to come and help support this cause.

Beshears wants everyone to come to the event and help raise money for an important cause as well as learn more about the computer clubs on campus.

"I think this event is important to Northwest for a few reasons,"



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

Extra Life is hosted by computing clubs all over the country every November and serves as a way to increase knowledge of computing while also raising money for a good cause.

Beshears said, "It allows campus to be a part of a global event to change lives of children and families, it allows students to meet other students who share an interest in gaming and it allows our computing clubs on campus to open our

doors and show campus what we are really about."

While this event is meant to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network, it is also meant to serve as a recruitment for the computing systems clubs on this campus.

The campaign will start Nov. 10 on the first floor of Colden Hall at 6:30 p.m. and will run until 8:30 a.m. Nov. 11. For those unable to attend, the ACM will be live streaming the entire event on their Facebook page.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to stay strong this semester

The alarm goes off and so begins the struggle of getting out of bed and deciding whether or not to go to class.

There are only five weeks left until finals and then this semester is over. I see it all too often, students who have decided to just check out and just glide their way through the rest of the semester.

I have been here for three years now, and I have seen so many people by this point stop coming to class or not turning in assignments.

This is not the point to be giving up, this is a rallying point for Bearcats. We need to stay strong and push for the finish. I understand things can be hard, but it does not mean you just throw everything away and give up.

College was never meant to be easy, if it was we would all have our degrees and be out of here already. I get it, sometimes things can be difficult, but the ability to stay strong is a skill that every college student needs.

Just think about all of the things you will get if you per-

sist and continue to work hard. You work hard, get good grades, good grades mean a great transcript and a great transcript usually means an amazing career once you leave the university.

I understand what it is like, sometimes you just do not want to work on anything, you just want to watch Netflix all day. This does not mean you can just throw in the towel and give up. Taking a break can be a good thing as long as you remember to still complete your work.

This is the time of year mo-

tivation can be at its lowest, but having a positive attitude will see you through and help you finish strong.

Also, do not be afraid to ask for help from your friends, family or your professors. They are all here to help you succeed and make the semester even better. You have so many resources at your disposal, but it is up to you to actually go out and use them.

There are multiple departments on this campus designed to specifically help students academically, the Student Success

Center, Tutoring Services and the Writing Center are among these resources. Only you can take these steps to guarantee your success in your classes.

Stay strong Bearcats, you are almost there and you will succeed only if you put your mind to it.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

SAC event offers students chance to chill out with ice skating

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Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Northwest students looked like newborn deer outside the Union Nov. 3 as they tried to keep themselves from falling on ice in hopes of perfecting their skating abilities.

Thanks to Student Activities Council (SAC) everybody was given the opportunity to ice skate for free at Northwest with no fees on rental skates. They even offered hot chocolate for the low payment of zero dollars.

With all necessities provided, only one question remained for those who were interested: How was it possible for them to ice skate when the closest ice rink was in St. Joseph?

The company SAC went through to provide this event is called Clowning Around & Celebration Authority.

According to the organization's official website, the portable ice rink is made of a high-density synthetic skating surface composed of a blend of polymers. Essentially, the interlocking pieces are a form of high-tech plastic. When the puzzle pieces fit together and after a coat of oil-based urethane, the rink is supposed to be smooth enough for ice skates to glide over the top.

"I didn't really like the oil," senior Jordan Thomas said. "If you fell, you got it on your clothes and it just really wasn't good skating."

While friends were taking falls on this makeshift ice rink, others took the opportunity to show off their skills. Some were ice-skating backwards as if they had learned to skate before they learned to walk. Those of a higher skill level were kind enough though to teach their tricks of the trade to newcomers.

There were a few students

who immediately took to ice-skating and were like a fish in water despite it being their first time as well.

"I'm a huge hockey fan, but since I'm from a very small town in Iowa, I never had the opportunity to ice skate," junior Colton Emsswiler said. "The SAC event was a great chance to do so, and I definitely surprised myself with how good I was. At least a dozen others asked for some pointers, not knowing that I was a novice myself."

For many students though, this event was more than simply about ice-skating. Many of them came for the laughter after a friend had fallen, the free hot chocolate of course and the bonding experience.

"Honestly, in college, I was like, 'they're never going to have activities because in high school you have like a thousand of them,'" freshman Maizey Lang said. "... I was afraid I wouldn't really meet anyone at these things and be really awkward. But honestly, if SAC didn't put them on, I don't think I would know half the people I know, so I love it. (They're a) good bonding experience... saving someone from falling on their butt really helps."

Whether there for the ice skating, the friends or the hot chocolate, most enjoyed some aspect of the event even if it was simply laughing at the many stumbles and falls.

NEXT SAC Event

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Maryville @ East Buchanan

Dec. 12 @ 6:45 p.m.

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Fate falls on season finale

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Three weeks ago, Northwest football held the top rank in Division II football, boasted a tidy 8-0 record and all was calm in Maryville.

Since then, it hasn't been the same.

Suddenly, back-to-back losses and the possibility of not making the playoffs for the first time since 2003 is now a very real scenario.

"I think so many people from the outside look at what we did in 2016 and set that as the benchmark and they don't understand how hard it is to make it look that easy," coach Rich Wright said.

While it has been two weeks of questions marks and adjustments, Wright addressed the team Nov. 5 the day after Northwest's 13-12 loss to No. 6 Fort Hays State (10-0).

"I think the biggest teaching point this week is that your expected journey and your actual journey can vary, very dramatically," Wright said.

Throw the streak, MIAA supremacy, its No. 1 ranking and every other decorated trophy North-

west has won in its recent history out the window.

In order for the No. 16 ranked Bearcats to clinch a playoff spot and start the grind for an improbable third straight national championship, the vision for Saturday's matchup against Missouri Western (4-6) must be carved in stone.

"Right now, it is crystal clear, we need to win a football game against Missouri Western... but until we accomplish that, nothing really matters," Wright said.

The Bearcats have a difficult test in front of them. A Western team with the conference's leading rushing game poses a threat. The Griffons top-rated rushing attack will need its most explosive game as Northwest possess the No. 1 rush defense allowing 52.1 yards per game.

Oh, and they haven't allowed a rushing touchdown all year. Wright told the team that this season road to a championship might be slightly different than expected.

"There's still a road, there's still a path," Wright said. "It's not the path you thought you were going to go down, but it still exists."

Senior Jonathan Baker got his chance against Fort Hays State and

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Missouri Western
Nov. 11 @ 1 p.m.

delivered 111 passing yards, throwing 11-of-19 and a touchdown.

The Maryville native displayed a positive performance, but also threw one interception he probably wanted back. The second interception Baker threw was a deep last-ditch effort throw with nine seconds left.

Baker said he was focused and calm when he entered the game. A lot of his success came from his beliefs in a higher power.

"Well they say faith, family, football and it's in that order," Baker said. "No matter if it's week one, or week 10 or the playoffs, you're just always ready. The preparation never changes."

Wright hinted that Baker would play, but gave no insight as to if he would start against rival Missouri Western. Northwest is 25-13 against the Griffons all-time and have won the last four meetings between the two teams.



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Sophomore wide receiver Quincy Woods goes up for a pass against Fort Hays Junior defensive back Aquil Knowles on Nov. 4 at Bearcat Stadium.

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Volleyball eyes final regular season homestand with playoffs in sight

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Northwest volleyball eyes the final weekend of the regular season after winning its first five set match of the season.

The Bearcats (16-13, 10-6, MIAA) escaped Joplin, Missouri Nov. 4 with a tough 3-2 victory over a team in Missouri Southern who was fighting for its playoff lives. The Lions (4-12, 11-18, MIAA) were in contention for the eighth spot in the MIAA tournament and gave Northwest everything it could handle.

"We were hitting in the four hundreds and they were too," coach Amy Woerth said. "They were trying to get that eighth spot into our conference tournament and giving us everything they had."

The Bearcats were 0-5 in their previous five set matches this season including critical losses to Missouri Western and Lindenwood. Northwest's .562 hitting percentage

in the final is a vast improvement on its previous -.033 fifth set average on the season.

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Woerth said that she likes the direction the team's offense is heading after mixing and matching through most of the season.

"We've had a lot of different lineups and tried a lot of different things throughout the course of the season," Woerth said. "We now have a lineup that we feel comfortable in, and we've spent a lot of time offensively getting to where we need to be."

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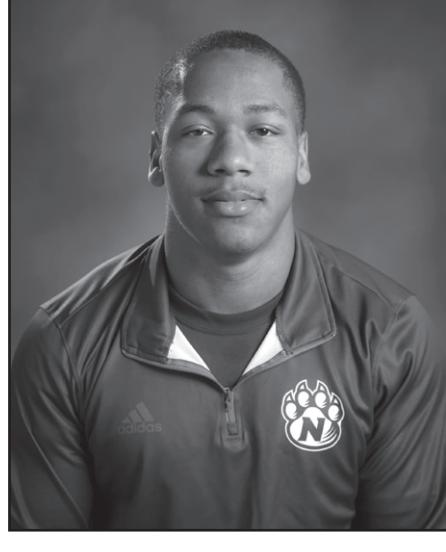
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Edward Richey



The senior safety recorded nine tackles (seven solo, two assist) in Northwest's 13-12 loss to Fort Hays State Nov. 4.

Melissa Shepherd



The junior finished 73rd overall with a time of 23:20.71 in the NCAA Central Regional race in Kearney, Nebraska Nov. 4.

Brady Atwell



The senior tight end found the end-zone twice in Maryville's 20-12 victory over Chillicothe Nov. 3. He finished the game with 91 all purpose yards, 53 coming from a touchdown carry.

Laura Feuerbacher



The sophomore finished 129th overall with a time of 22:54.99 in the MSHSAA Class 3 State Championship in Jefferson City Nov. 4.

Regional results end season trail

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Northwest cross country wrapped up its season Nov. 4 after competing at the NCAA Central Regional meet at Kearney, Nebraska.

The Bearcat men finished with a 15th place finish out of 27 teams. The team's top runner senior Brayden Clews-Proctor tallied a time of 32:30.19 for 24th out of 181 runners. The younger members of the team played a key role as three of their top five times resulted from underclassmen.

Freshman Max Martin has been a consistent top five runner for the Bearcats and placed 86th at his first regional meet.

"It was good for me to see what's out there, see where I need to be and help me set goals for where I want to go," Martin said.

While the men's team struggled to repeat last season's success the women's team continued to build their momentum into regionals. They placed 17th out of 32 teams with senior Sammy Laurenzo crossing the line with a time of 22:53.42 for a 49th place out of 217 competitors.

The 17th place is a step up from the 19th place finish last year



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Northwest junior Brayden Clews-Proctor finished 24th at the NCAA Regionals 10K with a time of 32:31.19 in Kearney, Missouri. The Northwest men's cross country team finished 15th overall.

at regionals. For both Laurenzo and Clews-Proctor, the trip to Kearney will be their last for the cross country team.

Clews-Proctor said his final season left more to be desired.

"It was good to come away with all-region," Clews-Pro-

tor said. "At the same time, it is still disappointing that I didn't get to achieve the goals I wanted to achieve."

Clews-Proctor was part of the championship qualifying team just a year ago. As the program loses both Clews-Proctor and senior Brandon Phipps, coach Scott Lorek looks to the younger guys to step up in the future.

"We're just a very young team," Lorek said. "We took some licks a little bit, but I feel good about us moving forward."

The hill laden course at Kearney offered a challenge to the young team. The difficulty of the course tested the adaptability of the underclassmen.

"The course at Kearney was tough," Lorek said. "For them to come out and compete like that, it was really good."

As the cross country season comes to a close, the focus shifts from outdoors to indoors. The team will move from cross country to indoor track moving into the winter. The cross country team comprises a large part of the distance team for the Bearcats indoor track and field.

Lorek said the momentum from cross country will play well into the indoor season.

"We had some struggles through the year, but I think it sets us up well for track," Lorek said. "I think we're gonna run really well and our distance squad is going to be fantastic."

Maryville solid in state championship meet

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Maryville cross country wrapped up its season in Jefferson City last Saturday after four state qualifiers competed in the Class 3 meet.



Sophomores Laura and Amy Feuerbacher finished 129th and 131st, respectively, in a pool of 165 runners. Laura Feuerbacher, who battled a nagging injury for the last few weeks of the regular season, finished the 5,000-meter race with a time of 22:54. Amy came in closely behind her at 23:01.

"Laura, she ran as well as she could, being injured," coach Rodney Bade said. "That's just reality. She toughed through it and ran a respectable time."

Amy Feuerbacher ran her way to state in her first season on the Maryville cross country team. The sophomore opted to join siblings Caleb Feuerbacher and Laura Feuerbacher in running this season after playing volleyball her freshman year.

"Amy learned a lot, and that's just honesty," Bade said. "You can try to prepare the kids as much as you can for the atmosphere and excitement (at state). But until they really get in that situation, there's not much we can do for them."

Senior Jon Holtman placed 119th out of the 167 runners on the boys side, finishing with a time of 18:37. The senior accomplished his goal of reaching state as an individual.

"Jon had a quality race," Bade said. "Not quite what he was going for, but it was a good way to finish his season. Qualifying for state was the big objective (for Holtman)."

The big story for the Spoof-



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Caleb Feuerbacher finished seventh overall with a time of 16:40 at the class 3 state cross country meet in Jefferson City Nov. 4.

ishing in the top-10, passing four competitors to do so in the final stretch of the race.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

Overall MIAA

Fort Hays State.....	10-0	10-0
NORTHWEST.....	8-2	8-2
Central Missouri.....	7-3	7-3
Central Oklahoma.....	6-4	6-4
Pittsburg State.....	6-4	6-4
Washburn.....	6-4	6-4
Emporia State.....	5-5	5-5
Lindenwood.....	4-6	4-6
Missouri Western.....	4-6	4-6
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-7	3-7
Northeastern State.....	1-9	1-9
Missouri Southern.....	0-10	0-10

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

Overall MIAA

Nebraska Kearney.....	29-2	15-1
Missouri Western.....	20-9	14-2
Central Oklahoma.....	26-4	13-3
Central Missouri.....	22-7	12-4
NORTHWEST.....	16-13	10-6
Lindenwood.....	18-12	9-7
Washburn.....	17-12	9-7
Emporia State.....	14-15	6-10
Missouri Southern.....	11-18	4-12
Pittsburg State.....	7-22	3-13
Fort Hays State.....	11-21	2-14
Southwest Baptist.....	2-28	1-15

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Nov. 18 1 p.m.

Center

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Maryville

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Men set out for championship repeat

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As the defending national champions hit the hardwood, Bearcat basketball is locked and loaded for another possible title run.

No. 1 Northwest returns the reigning Division II player of the year and coach of the year. This, along with three starters back in the lineup from last season's title team, presents a unique opportunity for McCollum and the Bearcats.

After slipping past the Peacocks by five points in last year's first round postseason matchup, Upper Iowa (3-0) is back, searching for redemption.

"We schedule difficult for a reason," McCollum said. "I think we've got a team that can handle it. I think it also prepares you for the postseason, if you make it... and exposes a lot of weaknesses that we need to make sure we work on."

Last week, McCollum mentioned his team wasn't practicing like a 'No. 1 ranked team'.

"It's usually just one or two guys," McCollum said. "If we could get consistent with the whole group, that could help drastically."

It didn't take long for the defending national champions to get back on track.

"We had a better practice the day after I said that," McCollum said.

Senior Justin Pitts needs no introduction as his performance throughout the 2016 season can only be described as extraordinary. It comes as no surprise as the Blue Springs native has been electric, leading the Bearcats in scoring in all three seasons at the point guard position.

Pitts averaged 20.9 points per game last season, 17.2 in 2015 and 21.7 in 2016.

Pitts also has led the team over the past two seasons in assists and steals as well as finishing No. 2 in both categories in 2015.

"He's a good player for us,"



Freshman forward Ryan Hawkins goes up for a dunk during the basketball bash at Bearcat Arena Nov. 2.

DYLAN COLDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

McCollum chuckled as he introduced Pitts at the weekly Northwest Athletics Media Luncheon. "I think the thing that makes it easy with him is he's (got a) very, very high (basketball) IQ."

He's been a coach's dream and matchup nightmare, earning himself two MIAA Player of the Year awards.

The awards and accomplishments list goes on and on.

Pitts paired with senior forwards Brett Dougherty and Chris Ebou-Ndow make for a solid re-

turning core.

With the possibility of playing time from athletes such as Minnesota State junior transfer Joey Witthus, three-point specialist Ryan Welty and young gun freshman Ryan Hawkins, Northwest's depth should have no questions.

Pitts said Witthus has fit right into the Bearcats system with little to no trouble at all.

"With the transfer of Joey (Witthus), I think it was pretty easy for him to fit," Pitts said. "He came on a visit and it just clicked."

Ndow led the 2016 Bearcats in rebounds (6.7 per game) while Dougherty ended leading the team in blocks (0.4 per game).

Northwest will face off with Upper Iowa Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. and two days later, the Bearcats will take on Northern State at noon with both games taking place in St. Joseph.

Northern State recently fell in a double overtime 98-90 loss to Division I Arizona State.

This will be the second all-time meeting between Northern State

and Northwest as the Bearcats won the only other matchup in 2006 through a 88-60 thumping.

NEXT GAMES

Northwest vs Upper Iowa @ Mis-

souri Western

Nov. 10 @ 1 p.m.

Northwest vs Northern State @

Missouri Western

Nov. 12 @ 12 p.m.

Women hope to make strides alongside reloaded roster

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Entering Buck Scheel's second season as head coach, women's basketball has brought in seven new faces.

Combined with five returners, the team hopes to prove Northwest's projected No. 12 MIAA finish is wrong.

"They don't know what we brought in," senior forward Tanaya Meyer said. "They don't know what we have, what we returned."

The Bearcats recognize there is plenty of room to improve working to prove the preseaseon polls wrong.

To get to that point, Scheel is emphasising consistent energy across the squad, something the team struggled finding last season.

"That's one of the biggest is-

sues we've talked about early in the preseason phases of being a lot more competitive," Scheel said. "By saying that daily, you can start to see the results of that."

Meyer is the only returning Bearcat senior this year. Last season, she led the MIAA with 19.6 points per game.

She also averaged 9.9 rebounds per game, trailing the conference's best by 1.1 rebounds.

Meyer traveled to Brazil with the USA Division II Basketball team over the summer. Keeping that in mind, she is slowly evolving into a leader for the team.

"We know usually what we are going to get out of her each week," Scheel said. "For her to bring that consistency this year will be crucial just having so many new faces to the program."

Also returning are juniors Arbie Benson, Maria Dentlinger,

Mallory McAndrews and Macy Williams.

Benson and Williams had the largest impact on the team last season, appearing in the majority of the season's games.

New Mexico Highlands transfers Kaylani Maiava and Mele Tupouata are also upperclassmen on the team.

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New sheriff in town

Althoff anchors No. 1 Bearcat defense into future

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Put two consecutive losses aside, the Northwest defense has something other teams across the nation lack.

Junior Ben Althoff leads the No.1 defense in tackles and solo tackles with 66 and 27, respectively. The junior middle linebacker now has amassed 134 tackles as a Bearcat along with 12.5 tackles for loss and three sacks. Coach Rich Wright said that Althoff is a guy you want on your sideline.

"Ben is one of those guys that exemplifies how we do things," Wright said. "You lose a guy like Jake (Jacob) Vollstedt in the offseason and everyone is like 'how in the world are you going to replace that guy?' The answer is you don't, but we have a pretty good guy waiting in the wings with a lot of playing time and a lot of experience."

Althoff replaces the Don Hansen Defensive Player of the Year in Vollstedt who is third all-time in tackles for loss in program history. So far, Althoff has done a fine job filling the hole that was left. Althoff said his success is thanks in part to the rest of his defensive unit.

"My mindset is really just doing my job, doing my one-eleventh," Althoff said. "We're great, we have a great d-line up front and I know coach Wright has those guys prepared going into the games and coach Clayton on the back end has those guys down too."

Althoff has been the leading tackler or one spot below for Northwest in eight of this year's 10 games. The junior anchors the top rushing defense that only allows 1.74 yards per rush and



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Junior linebacker Ben Althoff and Senior defensive tackle Caleb Mather tackle Fort Hays State player on Senior Day, Nov. 4 at Bearcat Stadium.

has not let a rusher in the end zone all year. The defense also stands tough on third downs only allowing 28 conversions on 142 attempts. Althoff explained to be successful the defense has to stay true to form.

"On the defensive side of the ball, we just have to control what we can control," Althoff said. "We trust our teammates. I know all these guys give their best effort and all we can do is get back to work."

This year's Bearcat defense only allows 3.53 yards per play. Wright said Althoff has worked hard to get where he is and he's taking advantage of the moment.

"He's continued to work and get better and he's having a good year because of it," Wright said. "He's the next guy in line and he's worked really hard; he's paid the price, he's sacrificed and prepared, and now he's finally getting an opportunity

and he's taken it and ran."

Althoff had a decorated tenure at Palmyra High School taking home all-state honors his junior season. He was named all-conference, first team all-district along with second team all-region. Althoff lead the Panthers to the district championship in his final two years, advancing them to the quarterfinals in 2013.

Hailing from a town of 3,618

people, Althoff explained along with the academics and football, the feel of Maryville attracted him.

"I'm from a pretty small town," Althoff said. "Just the small town atmosphere and the great community Maryville has just really drew me in."

Althoff has one year remaining as a Bearcat and will continue to be a mainstay in the top defense in the country going forward.

Final playoff stretch begins with Center

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Last season, a fumble recovery by Jacob Reuter in the final 34 seconds secured a Class 3 quarterfinals victory for Maryville.

The same fumble ended Center High School's chances of tying the game, sending the team home for the season. Approximately 364 days later, the Yellowjackets (10-2) have a chance at redemption.

"Maryville is the class of 3a football," Center coach Bryan DeLong told Preps KC's Kyle Yehle. "Coach Webb and what his staff does up there, he is a guy I look up to and respect. We're excited to play them and have that challenge again."

Both teams share a common opponent in St. Pius X. The Spoofhounds (10-2) most recently beat the Warriors 42-7 Oct. 27. The Yellowjackets beat the Warriors 30-7 Sept. 15.

Like Maryville, Center has fallen twice. Class 4 Nevada handed Center its first loss in week two. Class 5's Smith-Cotton forced the second.

"I see the same team in that

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Center @ Maryville
Nov. 11 @ 1 p.m.

they're dominant," Maryville coach Matt Webb said. "They're the most athletic team we've played all year."

With senior quarterback Amaun Ryan at the helm of the offense, Center's identity has not changed in the past year.

Ryan finished the 2016 matchup 20-of-29 tossing 239 pass yards. He averaged nearly 12 yards a pass.

"He made a lot of good plays against us last year," Webb said. "We're going to have to do better than we did last year."

Center enters the matchup following a 38-13 victory over Pleasant Hill (5-7) in the MSHSAA Class 3 District 7 Championship.

Ryan was responsible for two touchdowns on the ground in the first half. He also hit senior wide receiver Raymontey McNeal on a 36-yard pass just before half time.

His dual threat style is similar



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Senior quarterback Will Walker drops back for a pass against Chillicothe Nov. 3. Walker finished the game 8-for-16 throwing for 119 yards.

to a quarterback the Spoofhounds saw in the Midland Empire Conference (MEC).

"He's all of Diego Bernard," Webb said. "He can run the ball, he can throw the ball. He's a team

leader and a dynamic kid."

Webb mentioned the Yellowjacket success is also created alongside the defensive line.

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High School athletics struggles to find young officials

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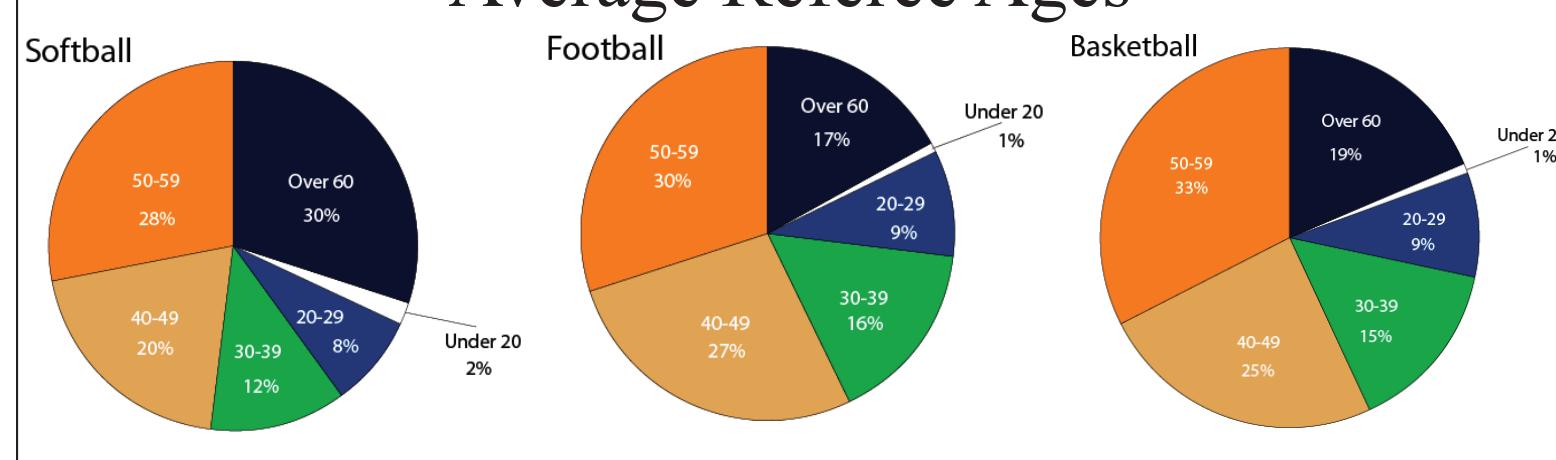
In with the new out with the old, a constant cycle of replacement, but once the system is broken your favorite high school athletics may suffer.

High school referees are becoming people of value to the Missouri State High School Activities Association as a shortage threatens the future of high school sports in Missouri.

The state of Missouri started feeling the heat a few years back as it came to the realization that an eventual problem would soon be at its feet.

The problem is and was the rising age of officials throughout Missouri without necessary replacement. As no clear solution presents itself MSHSAA is putting this as issue number one for the future.

"We began to notice a real difference approximately five years ago, fewer and fewer new people were showing up for the annual training (mechanics



SOURCE: DON LAWRENCE

clinic)," MEC official assigner Don Lawrence said. "We are trying to prevent this from becoming a major issue, I guess I would say we're moving from a yellow alert to an orange status."

As age goes up, the shortage grows as more and more officials are leaning toward retirement. With

an average age above 50 for all officials, the problem lies with the youth joining the referee association.

"Ages are very much an issue," Savannah High School Athletic Director Chad Dreyer said. "We're not replenishing the older officials that are stepping away fast enough which is what's causing some of

the problems."

The shortage is not biased toward any sport or any location as places all around Missouri are taking hits in their own ways. From place to place the issues seem to be different everywhere you can possibly go.

In the southeast part of the

the limited supply of referees seems to come from basketball. Places like St. Louis are struggling to find officials to stick to a soccer background, while all of Missouri struggles to find volleyball referees.

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